

REMARKS

Claim Rejections Under §112:

Paragraph 8 of the Action rejects claims 3-8, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for at least the reasons stated below.

In rejecting claim 3, the Action states that one of skill in the art is unable to determine according to the claim language the meaning of “where each block includes symbols currently present in each unspread substream.” Applicant has amended claim 3 above to make the subject matter of the claim more clear. Applicant therefore respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 3. Further, since claim 4 is rejected for being based on rejected claim 3, Applicant believes that claim 4 is now in condition for allowance and request that the rejection as to claim 4 be withdrawn as well.

In rejecting claim 5, the Action states that one of skill in the art is unable to determine according to the claim language the meaning of “where each block includes symbols currently present in each unspread substream.” Applicant has amended claim 5 above to make the subject matter of the claim more clear. The Action further sates that one of skill in the art cannot determine the meaning of “common blocks.” Applicant asserts, however, that the term common blocks is clear from the specification (see, e.g., page 20, lines 13-16). Applicant therefore respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 5. Further, since claims 6-8 are rejected for being based on rejected claim 5, Applicant believes that claims 6-8 are now in condition for allowance and request that the rejection as to claims 6-8 be withdrawn as well.

Claim 19 was rejected for the reasons applied to claim 3. Applicant has amended claim 19 in a manner similar to claim 3 and, therefore, believes that the claim is now in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 19.

Allowable Subject Matter:

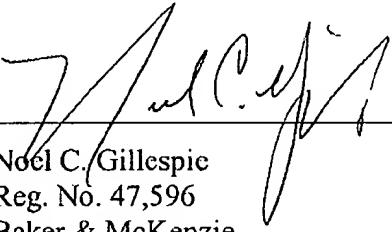
Applicant acknowledges that the Action states that claims 1, 10-18, and 20-24 contain patentable subject matter. Applicant, however, believes that all the pending claims are allowable for the reasons stated above.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that given the above amendments and remarks, the claims are now in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested. No new claim fees are believed to be necessitated by this response. The Examiner is requested to charge any additional fees that may be due with this response to deposit account 13-0480.

Respectfully submitted,

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